

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

### **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A system for organizing and displaying wallcovering samples, said system comprising:

a plurality of wallcovering samples, each sample having a color characteristics; and,  
a plurality of separate sample holders disconnected from one another, each holder being dedicated to a different color group and configured to hold a set of the samples;  
wherein the samples are organized into the holders based upon their respective color characteristics such that each holder holds a set of samples having like color characteristics.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:  
a case having a plurality of compartments in which the holders are selectively stored and from which the holders are selectively removable.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the case includes a separate compartment for each holder.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~at least one~~ each of the holders comprises a deck that holds ~~the~~ its respective set of samples stacked atop one another.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the samples held by ~~the~~ each deck have holes therein and ~~the~~ each deck comprises:  
a pin that passes through the holes in the samples held by the deck to thereby secure the set of samples in the deck such that individual samples are selectively rotatable about the pin in a plane substantially normal to the pin.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said holders have faces that include indicia thereon to indicate the color group to which the respective holders are dedicated.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the indicia comprises a color coding representative of the respective color groups.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the color characteristics of the samples comprise the samples' predominate hue.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of organizing and displaying wallcovering samples, said method comprising:

identifying a plurality of wallcovering samples by a color characteristic possessed by each sample;

sorting the samples into a plurality of sets, each set having therein samples identified by like color characteristics; and,

individually holding the sets—each set of samples together in a distinct color groups~~group~~, each color group being distinguished by that color characteristic which caused the samples to be sorted into the set so held.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:  
storing the sets in separate compartments of a common display rack such that one individual set is selectively removable from the rack without moving other individual sets.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of holding comprises:  
holding at least one set of samples such that the samples are stacked atop one another.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of holding further comprises:

holding the at least one set of samples that are stacked atop one another such that individual samples are selectively rotatable with respect to one another about a common

axis, said common axis being substantially normal to the samples' faces as they are stacked atop one another.

**13.** (Original) The method of claim **9**, wherein the color characteristic is a predominate hue of the samples.

**14.** (Original) The method of claim **9**, wherein the color characteristic is an intensity of color of the samples.

**15.** (Original) The method of claim **9**, wherein the samples held together in the same set have one or more non-color design elements that vary from sample to sample.

**16.** (Original) The method of claim **15**, wherein the one or more non-color design elements include at least one of: a printed pattern on the sample, an embossed pattern the sample, a finish on the sample, a material of the sample, and a construction of the sample.

**17.** (New) A system for organizing and displaying wallcovering samples, said system comprising:

a plurality of wallcovering samples, each sample having a color characteristics; and,  
a plurality of sample holders, each holder being dedicated to a different color group and configured to hold a single distinct set of the samples;

wherein the samples are organized into the holders based upon their respective color characteristics such that each holder holds a single distinct set of samples having like color characteristics and each sample is included in only one holder.

**18.** (New) The system of claim **17**, wherein at least one of the holders comprises a deck that holds the set of samples stacked atop one another.

**19.** (New) The system of claim **18**, wherein the samples held by the deck have holes therein and the deck comprises:

a pin that passes through the holes in the samples held by the deck to thereby secure the set of samples in the deck such that individual samples are selectively rotatable about the pin in a plane substantially normal to the pin.